

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor Clarence Speed, Trustees Brian Johnson, Barbara Sagal, Douglas Cropper and Laurence Ostrander, Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Clerk/Treasurer Kimberly J Simmons.

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve the treasurer's report made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION: to approve payment of bills (General, Water, Sewer, Library, Trust & Agency, Summit Lake and Health Care Deductible abstract's #8, Grant Account Abstract # 3, Building Maintenance Reserve Account Abstract # 1) made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal . ALL AYES, NO NAYS

PUBLIC REQUESTS: NONE

ATTORNEY FITZSIMMONS:

Attorney Fitzsimmons reported work with ongoing projects.

CLERK/TREASURER SIMMONS: The Village Office will be closed on Monday January 12th for Martin Luther King Jr. day. Water/sewer bills were mailed out on December 31st and are due without penalty through January. The 2015-2016 budget process will be starting soon and all departments have been asked to turn in their proposed budgets to me as soon as possible. All the usual office tasks have been completed (monthly & quarterly reports, accounts payable/receivable, garbage sticker sales etc.). Just a reminder that petitions for the upcoming Village Elections must be turned in no later than February 10th and no sooner than February 3rd.

POLICE REPORT: Given by Sgt. Thomas. The full report is available in the office for review. He noted that the police are enforcing the overnight parking and sidewalk shoveling laws.

LIBRARY REPORT: The report was given by Trustee Sagal. It noted work has started on the new roof but the weather has not been very helpful with this project. Soup sales will be held every Wednesday in January and some slots are still needed to be filled for January 21st and the 28th. If you are interested in making soup and/or a dessert for the library please contact Karen. The library has received a donation of a new laptop and some cash donations for the "end of the year." The Town of Ghent has given the library a donation again this year. Tobi Farley is the newest employee at the library and a warm welcome goes out to her.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Report was read by Trustee Cropper. Game nights continued in December, but have now ended for the remainder of the winter months. A Christmas party was held on December 16th. Christmas wreaths and centerpieces were made. Plans are underway to offer another NYS Safe Boating Course again this year in partnership with the Philmont Rod and Gun Club. A copy of the full report is available in the office for review.

MAYOR SPEED: Reported that he attended the Santa Claus Parade and helped all the children making their holiday wishes known to Santa. He has answered complaints and was on scene at the big water break the village had on New Years' day. He has also signed all necessary paperwork.

TRUSTEE SAGAL: She noted that she also attended the parade and the Holiday Lighting Contest.

TRUSTEE JOHNSON: He read the DPW/WA/SW reports, a copy of which are available in the office for review. He noted he has been busy doing work on village buildings. He also wanted to make it clear to all that the purchase of a new fire truck in no way has anything to do with the new department of public works garage. The garage project was in the works long before any mention of a new truck.

TRUSTEE OSTRANDER: Trustee Ostrander reported attending the Community Day meeting and talking with Monolith Solar. He noted that he is expecting an answer this week as to a start date for the solar power to be installed. He also attended meetings with the fire truck committee and PB Inc. He wanted to remind everyone the public meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 13th at the library. He then gave the fire company report, a copy of which is available for review in the village office. The fire company has asked that when a water break happens that the water department report the break to 911 so they will know if any area has no water.

TRUSTEE CROPPER: He reported attending the Holiday Lighting Contest, the fire company dinner, and the Community Day Committee meeting. The Community Day Committee asked permission to use the village hall on Saturday, March 22nd for a fund raising breakfast. Permission was granted. He also checked village properties and has noted that the fan in the kitchen in the village hall needs to be replaced.

CORRESPONDENCE LIST PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

MOTION to close the following accounts with Key Bank; General Fund Savings, Water Fund Checking and Savings, Sewer Authority Checking and Savings, Library Fund Savings, Fire Truck Reserve, Fire Truck Maintenance, Machine Maintenance, Garbage Truck Reserve, Sewer Maintenance, Building Maintenance Reserve, Debt Service Reserve, Play & Rec. Fund, Water Maintenance Reserve, Equipment Reserve, Building Renovations, Special Litigation, Ellsworth Street Project, Summit Lake Project, and the Grant Account was made by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to identify the Village Meeting Hall, located at the rear of 124 Main Street, Philmont, NY as the polling place for Village Elections to elect two trustees for a two year term each and one mayor for a two year term to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 with polls being open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 PM was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

MOTION to appoint Eilene Morris, Kurt Basl, and Mary Linda Harrington as Election Inspectors for the March 18, 2015 Village Elections to be held in the Village Meeting Hall from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at a rate of \$10.00 per hour was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to appoint Peter Groll as Election Custodian and Machine Custodian for the March 18, 2015 Village Elections to be held in the Village Meeting Hall from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM at a rate of \$75.00 for machine set up and \$75.00 for machine opening and closing was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Johnson. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to accept with regret the resignation of part-time Police Officer Lek Nazi effective January 2, 2015 was made by Trustee Ostrander, seconded by Trustee Cropper. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

MOTION to accept the bid of Shakerley fire Truck Sales in the amount of \$449,502 for a new custom pumper fire truck subject to bond resolution was made by Trustee Sagal, seconded by Trustee Ostrander. ALL AYES, NO NAYS.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Sagal announced the winners of the Holiday Lighting Contest. First place went to Richard and Eilene Morris on Eagle Street; second place went to Darryl and Lisa Mossman on Union Court and third place went to Donna and Joseph Gugliuzza on Main Street. Prizes have been donated by Speeds Garage, Gabriel's Pizza and Grill and the village board. The best lit street award goes to Eagle Street this year.

Trustee Sagal also wanted to thank Trustee Johnson for installing the new projection screen in the village hall. Trustee Johnson announced that the village hall will be getting a new oil tank as a "preventative" measure.

With no further action before it, the mayor asked for a moment of silence in memory of long time resident Judy Pezzee and a **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Trustee Cropper, seconded by Trustee Sagal. ALL AYES, NO NAYS

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly J. Simmons
Clerk/Treasurer